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SCHOOLS.

CENTRAL HIGH.
The Central High School rifle team scored a decisive victory over the Andover Military Academy of Andover, Mass. The final score was 432 to 473. The match was conducted by telegraph.

Wednesday the entire student body of Central joined in a farewell chapel given in honor of the February graduating class. The school orchestra played and the students were entertained by William Montgomery at the piano. The senior class sang the school song, "Tenax Proposito," and the entire student body sang "Auld Lang Syne."

The Central swimming team will journey to Merceburg February 18 to meet the military academy of that place. Merceburg at present holds a victory over this school, and Central is out to win.

The dances given annually by the cadet companies will soon begin. The first of these is to take place in Central High School armory, and will be the A-E dance on February 24.

EASTERN HIGH.
The first semester comes to an end tomorrow. Consequently, advisory board members are in vogue the past week.

As a farewell to the old semester, the cadets gave a dance Friday night. The proceeds will help to pay for the medals awarded serving cadets at the end of the year.

Thursday a half-hour battalion drill was held by the cadets at Eastern.

The afternoon pupils enjoyed a songfest, led by Robert Lawrence, the director of Washington's Music week.

Thursday was sophomore day. Mr. Doerr opened the sophomore program held at an assembly in the morning with remarks about the class. He introduced the participants also. A genuine Russian dance was given by Miss Chace and Miss Frisbie. Mr. Lehnert was well received in two cornet solos. A burlesque on the balcony scene in "Romeo and Juliet" was given by William Clementson and Meredith Capper, much to the amusement of the audience. The class closed the offering by rendering an original song.

The "Four Power Treaty" will be debated Monday before the faculty by the following members of the junior class: Frances James, Katherine Schade, Margaret Sullivan, Leonard H. Cheek, Hicks Baldwin and Karl G. Pearson.

WESTERN HIGH.
"The Rivals," by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, has been selected for the annual spring play that will be given sometime in May. The committee that selected the play was composed of the following members of the Dramatic Association: William Brown, chairman; Elizabeth Brady, Henrietta Hall, Jessie Adkins and Orme Libbey.

The Dramatic Association has increased its membership from fifty to sixty. Following the second tryouts, three new members were admitted. These were: Edith L. Greenwood, Nancy Spaulding and Selbert Strayer, who presented Alice Gerstenberg's play, "Fourteen."

In order to pay the deficit of \$46 for the electricity expenditures during the vaudeville show, a committee has been chosen to consider the plan of presenting the clever comedy sketch, "When a Feller Needs a Friend."

En Avant will meet at the home of Tom Wells, 2311 Calvert street, on Friday. The program will be especially interesting, intellectually as well as socially. Helen Newman and Peter Wells will give a dramatic recitation of the poem, "La Laitier et le Pot au Lait"; Selma Irving, the life of Victor Hugo, and Edythe the life of an account of "Les Miserables." Some French songs will be taught by Miss Bimont. Dancing and refreshments will help to make the meeting interesting socially.

El Espelo Espanol had an interesting meeting at the home of the president Dorothy Arnold, Thursday. It was decided that the club should be organized by each one giving a Spanish proverb. The fairy tales and nursery rhymes that high school students have often proved to be amusing when given in Spanish. "Cinderella" was acted cleverly by Katherine Ealy, and "Cendrillon," the fairy godmother; Clara Stewart and Minerva Snoddy, the haughty sisters; Billie Cass, the prince, and Horace Fountain, the herald. "Little Miss Muffet," "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and "Bo Peep" were recited by Elizabeth Maynard, Grace Sherman and Ivy Bruce. Refreshments were served and dancing followed.

A campaign for new Home and School Association members will be started February 2 in order to raise \$450 necessary for painting the corridor walls. The Civic Association will aid this drive, and a board of five members has been appointed to take charge of the campaign. The members of the board are Catherine E. Helen Newman, Dorothy Barron, Peter Wells and Adrian Busch—are responsible for a certain number of new members. These pupils, with the help of other members of the Civic Association, will have cards on which they will obtain the following information: Number of pupils in a room, number of their parents, number of brothers or sisters in lower classes at Western. The cards will then be given to a "math" teacher, who will figure out the percentage of each room. After the percentage for each room has been determined, a chart will be placed in each classroom and a contest for the highest percentage of Home and School Association members will ensue. Posters are being made in the drawing rooms for both the Home and School Association drive and the clean-up campaign, which will be carried on after the walls have been painted.

WILSON NORMAL.
Mrs. Howard L. Hodgkins, member of the board of education, presided last evening at the graduation exercises of the mid-year, graduating class. The diplomas were awarded by Dr. Frank W. Ballou, superintendent of schools. The first part of the program consisted of the usual formal exercises for such occasions. The invocation was offered by Rev. H. Dennington. Hayes, followed by the address of the class president, Miriam May Gordon. Rev. Charles Wood, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, gave a number of selections, the children's songs being especially pleasing. Part II of the program was less formal. A sketch by members of the school, entitled "The Imaginary Ball," was followed by a real dance in the gymnasium. The graduates were Joan Marie Becker, Jessie Ellen Little, Elizabeth Eastburne Matern and Marie Louise Jaquette, kindergarten course, and Miriam May Gordon, domestic science.

As the completion of 4B work marks the completion of the primary unit of the school system, normal school has always emphasized the promotion of such children to the fifth grade by special exercises, which will be held this year for the mid-year 4B class Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the assembly hall. The program has been made by the children, and they will also take entire charge of it. Group songs, a class poem and a class history will be features of the exercises. Many of these children have been in the public schools from the time they started to school, and their promotion means severing connection with the faculty, as the fifth grade is not connected with the normal. To express appreciation of the work they have done during their first five years of school, the school awards each one promoted

a diploma, which is the first and probably the most prized one received throughout the school career.

Articles made by the children in free time are on exhibition in the fourth grades. Dolls in modern costume and dolls dressed to show neighborhood times represent the girls' work. The boys, in clay and in paper, have illustrated Greek life of ancient times.

Normal school's second team in basketball played George Washington University's second team last Saturday night in Central's gymnasium, winning by the score of 15 to 14. The regular team will go to Fredericksburg Friday, February 3, to play the team of the State Normal School. The members of the team will be entertained in the dormitories for the week-end.

Written work of a 6B school in Hawaii was received at the school during the week, coming from one of the alumnae, Miss Elsie Yost, who is teaching on the island.

Mrs. Danforth, in charge of the luncheon, has been ill for some days. Mrs. Danforth has kept the service running so smoothly that no inconvenience has been felt by the students.

ARMSTRONG MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL.
Representative Blanton of Texas was a visitor at the school last week. Mr. Blanton has introduced a bill during the week, coming from one of the members of the school for this purpose.

Dr. Sol J. Pisatich of Kimberly, Wis., addressed the students at the regular weekly assembly on economic and social conditions among the natives of South Africa. His story of the diamond and gold fields was listened to with marked interest. In his concluding remarks Dr. Pisatich explained the "joke" to white men was in reality the salubrity of the climate in certain parts of the world.

He said, the white man can live in comfort nowhere else. Several folk ditties in native dialects were also rendered by the visitor.

Basket ball occupies the center of the athletic stage. Wednesday Armstrong's quint delivered a drubbing to the strong Storer College team at Eastern, by the score of 46 to 36. As usual, Van Harris, Blackwell and Harry Turner starred for the local boys.

While the senior team is away on its eastern trip, the Armstrong second quint defeated Shaw Junior High School by the score of 28 to 19.

"Dr. J. E. Crossland of the veterans' vocational bureau inspected the work of the disabled soldiers allocated to Armstrong during the week. Satisfaction with the progress they were making was indicated.

SHAW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.
The Samuel O. Collins exhibit of oil paintings was formally opened Thursday night with the following program: Chorus, mixed voices; remarks by Principal Lucy D. Slove; solo, Barrington Guy, tenor; Dunbar High School; "Art and the Negro," G. L. Sadgwan, Shaw art department; solo, Miss Helene Pesleno, soprano; Howard University conservatory, remarks by Samuel O. Collins, exhibiting artist. The exhibit will continue until February 3.

Edward Hackett, former junior high school student, addressed the boys during a special assembly Tuesday afternoon. Hackett, who is a practical electrician, spoke of the danger of prematurely learning school for small compensation. He cited his own experience in government service and urged the boys to seek higher education. Hackett, who resigned from a position in the navy yard, is now a student at Armstrong and plans to go to a technical college.

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The Shaw Junior High School basketball team met Armstrong Tech's fast second team Thursday evening in the Armstrong gymnasium. This was the first meeting of the junior high school with a senior school aggregation. The score was Armstrong, 25; Junior High School, 19.

Arithmetic is being presented in the Junior High School from numerous practical angles. Problems evolved from actual reality sales reported in the press, parcel-post packages weighed and used as problems

in measurements, gas meters read and "model" gas meters constructed for problem purposes and a contest of dramatization. In all instances graphs are constructed and used by students in this work.

Two well constructed "Street closed" signs have just been produced in the woodworking shop and centered by students of the school art shop. They will be placed on M street during recess.

The Shaw Junior High School Science Club plans several excursions in connection with its study of general science. The schedule of trips includes the filtration plant, United States weather bureau, National Museum, United States fish commission, etc.

The domestic science department of the Shaw Junior High School is laying plans for the establishment of a "practice model apartment" to broaden the present teaching of home economics. The students have been studying the home will be emphasized.

The Star's essay contest on the "Arms Conference and Its Significance" seems to hold the center of interest among the students. If 100 per cent interest is a barometer, then Shaw Junior High School students will be "among those present" at the finish.

AMERICANIZATION SCHOOLS.
Miss M. L. Benson and a group of ten of her students from the Americanization school, which is now in session at the National Theater, attended the Saturday matinee performance of "Abraham Lincoln" at the National Theater. As the students have been studying American history and the lives of great statesmen, they embraced this opportunity to see the play, which depicted the character of this exceptionally fine 100 per cent American.

The teachers and students from Miss Balp's and Mrs. McClintock's classes in the northwest and in Georgetown joined the Americanization teachers and students from the old Central High School in a celebration of the national thrift week last Thursday, January 19.

Mrs. H. C. Kierman's Americanization class from the old Central High School added to the program of the Federated Women's Clubs at the Hadleigh January 23. The group consisted of Miss Balp's and Mrs. McClintock's classes, which had about eight different foreign countries. They sang and recited patriotic selections in English.

Miss Rosa Varady, Hungarian cellist, and Miss Helene Marsh, pianist, invited the Hungarian students to attend a recital given Friday afternoon.

Y. W. C. A. SCHOOLS.
The Y. W. C. A. School Council, consisting of a representative from each class in the school, met for their initial meeting Wednesday evening, and was organized into a permanent advisory group. Each member gave a brief report of her class study, content and purpose. Miss Helen Strait and Miss Laura Van and were elected officers, pro tem, and a nominating committee appointed to present names for election at the next meeting. The council meeting is to be held on the last Wednesday of each month, when the members will discuss the work at a monthly dinner.

On Friday, the council will be hostesses at a party to be given for new and old members of the school, and an interesting program is being planned.

A new and interesting class that is to be included in the Y. W. C. A. School's curriculum, beginning about February 15, is a course in business library training, which will be given under the direction of Miss Adelaide Hasse of the Washington School for Secretaries.

The new term in all classes begins February 6 and registration can be made after February 1st.

DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL.
A typewriting meet, open to second, third and fourth year students of the department of business practice, Dunbar High School, was held on Monday, January 16.

The first event was writing, for ten minutes, from copy used in the Roman numeral test of March, 1920. The second event was writing from dictation, for ten minutes, a part of manuscript used in the Underwood credential typewriting contest, held in 1918, under the auspices of the Isaac Pitman Shorthand Writers Association.

Twenty-five competitors entered each event, and the following record

of net words per minute was made by the winning novice in his respective group:

Typing event—Robert Brooks, 2a, 36 words; Cortez Peters, 2b, 68 words; Vernie Bumbry, 3a, 37 words; Jessie Bruden, 3b, 42 words; William Minor, 42, 36 words; Clifford Duckett, 4b, 46 words.

Dictation event—Robert Brooks, 2a, 38 words; Cortez Peters, 2b, 75 words; Vernie Bumbry, 3a, 64 words; Sarah Plater and Ethel Wise, 3b, 12 words; William Minor, 42, 59 words; Mabel Brown, 4b, 51 words.

Cortez Peters won first place in both events, writing sixty-eight and seventy-five words per minute in the first and second events, respectively. Clifford Duckett won second place in the first event, writing forty-six words per minute, and William Minor won second place in the second event, writing fifty-nine words per minute. The young typists were commended for their enthusiasm and good work and admonished never to sacrifice accuracy for mere speed.

Robert Lawrence paid Dunbar a second visit Wednesday, when he gave the pupils a surprise treat in having present Mrs. Morgan, who played the violin for the pupils. The pupils are looking forward to a return visit by Mrs. Morgan.

VICTORY MEMORIAL DRIVE STARTS SOON

District Campaign Will Be Launched by Committee on February 6.

The campaign in the District for the raising of funds for the National Victory Memorial to be erected here will be launched at a meeting of the committee to be held Monday, February 6, in the boardroom of the District building. The meeting will be presided over by Dr. David Jayne Hill, chairman of the citizens' committee, and will be called at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Charles J. Bell of the American Security and Trust Company, has been named treasurer and John G. O'Brien, secretary. With the endorsement of the project by President Harding and the governors of the various States, the District Commissioners have not been backward in organizing a committee of citizens from the District, whose object will be to secure the erection of the memorial in the completed structure.

At the meeting to take place Monday, the committee will discuss ways and means for carrying on the campaign and receive suggestions for the service of Americans in the world's greatest struggle. He feels that a truly national memorial is proposed, and that the nation in view, the committee of citizens from the District will meet Monday prepared to do all in their power to assure the success of the building.

BULLOCK IS RELEASED.
Cannot Be Extradited on Charge of Inciting Riot.

All the papers included in the application for the Governor of North Carolina for the extradition from the Dominion of Canada of Bullock, colored, have been returned to the governor by the State Department, with the statement that an examination shows that the charge of "inciting a riot" made against Bullock is not included in the list of extraditable offenses listed in the treaty between the two countries.

Bullock, who was arrested by the Canadian authorities for violating the immigration laws of that country, has been released from custody on the ground that his good conduct since his arrival there did not warrant his further detention.

It appears, therefore, that the United States government has not made formal application for his extradition and cannot do so unless he is indicted by the state of North Carolina for an offense covered by the extradition treaty.

In France yellow is the color of jealousy and domestic discord, and on that account many Frenchwomen will not wear yellow or have yellow flowers in their houses.

CONSIDER SENDING ENVOY TO IRELAND

House Committee Members Also Discuss Status of Other Dominions.

Plans for sending a minister to represent the United States in the new Free State of Ireland are receiving serious consideration from the Washington administration. If President Harding decides that he would like such authority prompt action will be taken by Congress.

This is the net result of executive conferences held by the House committee on foreign affairs, which caused the establishing of an early date of direct diplomatic relations not only with Ireland, but also with four other dominions of the British government—Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa.

Membership in League.
It was practically the common opinion of members of the committee on foreign affairs that the natural outgrowth of independent membership of such dominions in the league of nations leads to the conclusion that in the near future direct diplomatic relationship must be established.

The sending of a special committee to the White House to ask President Harding if he would like to have such authority was discussed without conclusive action being taken. It was pointed out that in the official recognition of a new nation the chief executive must take the formal step, just as was done in the case of Finland, Czechoslovakia, Poland, etc.

The committee expressed the intention not to hurry the President or to act prematurely, but showed plainly its belief that the people of this country would strongly favor direct representation. It was emphasized that this is an entirely new step in the diplomatic relations of the United States—the sending of special direct representatives to any separate part of one great nation when the United States has an ambassador at the seat of central government, but the opinion was expressed that this nation leads to the conclusion that the revolution in world affairs, as best evidenced in the international parley now in progress here, shows that old barriers must be broken down and diplomatic innovations must come.

The argument was made, in favor of deferring action, that this nation is now on most friendly terms with Great Britain, and naturally nothing should be done which might be construed by Great Britain as an unfriendly act.

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